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In re application of : **OFFICE OF PETITIONS**  
Kahoru TSUJIMOTO et al. : Docket No. 2001-0210A  
Serial No. 09/763,964 : Group Art Unit 1744  
Filed May 30, 2001 : Examiner Krisanne Marie Thorton

ANTI-MICROBIAL STERILIZER AND  
REFRIGERATOR HAVING ANTI-MICROBIAL  
STERILIZER

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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.313(c)(2)**  
**TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM ISSUE FOR CONSIDERATION OF AN**  
**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The issue fee for the above-identified application was paid on July 14, 2004. However, an Office Action with the new prior art references was recently cited in a corresponding foreign application.

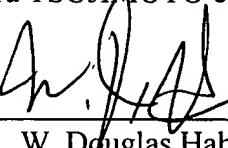
Accordingly, it is hereby petitioned that the above-identified application be withdrawn from issue for consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement filed as part of an RCE for the above-identified application.

A copy of the RCE and Information Disclosure Statement, except for a copy of the references listed on the Form PTO-1449, accompany this Petition. The references listed on the Form PTO-1449 are being supplied directly to Group Art Unit 1744 (i.e., the Art Unit in which the application has been examined) along with the original RCE and IDS.

Authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account No. 23-0975 the required fee of \$130.00 for consideration of this Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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